

REMARKS

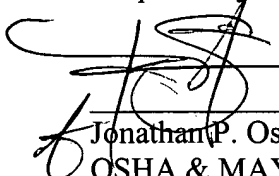
Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application, and for the courtesies extended during the teleconference of August 5, 2004, in which the Examiner clarified the nature of the Office Action.

In response to the election of species requirement issued in this case, Applicants elect the first species as embodied in claims 1 and 2, for initial continued prosecution without traverse.

Applicants believe this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 15115/096001).

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Respectfully submitted,


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